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Appendix A

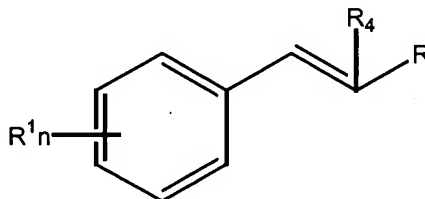
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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Deleted) A method for providing a susceptible plant with increased resistance to pathological microorganisms, said method comprising:

administering to said plant a nonphytotoxic composition comprising an agent which increases accumulation of aromatic aldehydes in said plant or increases cinnamic acid in said plant, whereby at least one of growth and viability of a pathological microorganism which colonizes a surface or a part of a plant is impaired.
2. (Amended) [The] A method [according to Claim 1,] for providing a susceptible plant with sustained resistance to pathological microorganisms, said method comprising:

administering to said plant a nonphytotoxic composition comprising [wherein said agent comprises] at least one aromatic compound having the formula



wherein R represents $-CHO$, $-CH_2OH$, $-COOH$, or $-COOR_5$; n is an integer from 0 to 3; each R^1 represents $-OH$, or an organic substituent containing from 1 to 10 carbon atoms and from 0 to 5 heteroatoms, wherein the total number of carbon and heteroatoms in all R^1 substituents of said compound is no more than 15; and R^4 represents $-H$ or an organic constituent

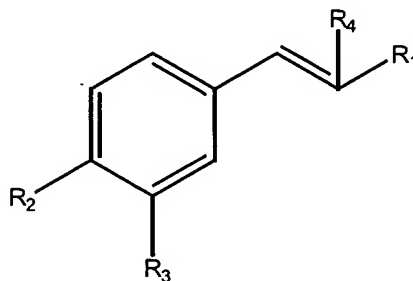
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containing from 1 to 10 carbon atoms; and R₂ represent an organic substituent containing from 1 to 10 carbon atoms and from 0 to 5 heteroatoms.

3. (Deleted) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said administering is transforming said plant with a composition comprising a vector containing a nucleotide sequence encoding said agent, and wherein expression of said nucleotide sequence is controlled by a promoter function in said plant.
4. (Deleted) The method according to Claim 3, wherein said nucleotide sequence is a DNA sequence.
5. (Deleted) The method according to Claim 3, wherein said nucleotide sequence is heterologous to said plant.
6. (Amended) The method according to Claim 2, wherein said aromatic compound is one or more aromatic aldehydes selected from the group consisting of cinnamic aldehyde, alpha-hexyl cinnamic aldehyde, α-amyl cinnamic aldehyde, and coniferyl aldehyde.
7. The method according to Claim 6, wherein said aromatic aldehyde is microencapsulated in a polymer.
8. The method according to Claim 7, wherein said polymer is beeswax or carnauba wax.
9. (Deleted) The method according to Claim 2, wherein said agent comprises a balsam.
10. (Deleted) The method according to Claim 9, wherein said balsam is derived from a *Liquidambar* tree.
11. (Deleted) The method according to Claim 10, wherein said *Liquidambar* tree is *Liquidambar orientalis* Miller or *Liquidambar styraciflua*.

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12. (Deleted) The method according to Claim 9, wherein said agent further comprises one or both of cinnamic aldehyde and alpha-hexyl cinnamic aldehyde.
13. (Deleted) A method for controlling growth of pathological organisms on a plant whereby the plant surface is provided with a nonphytotoxic composition comprising a balsam.
14. (Deleted) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said pathological organisms are aphids.
15. (Amended) The method according to Claim [13 or 14] 2, wherein said composition comprises a surfactant.
16. (Deleted) The method according to Claims 13-15, wherein said composition further comprises one or more aromatic aldehydes having the formula

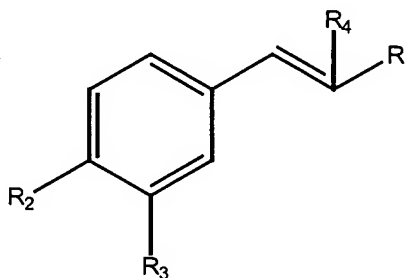


wherein R_1 represents -CHO, R_2 represents -H, -OH or an organic substituent containing from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and R_3 represents -H, a methoxy group or organic substituent containing from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and R_4 represents -H, or an organic substituent containing from 1 to 10 carbon atoms.

17. (Deleted) The method according to Claim 16, wherein said aromatic aldehyde is selected from the group consisting of cinnamic aldehyde, alpha-hexyl cinnamic aldehyde and coniferyl aldehyde.

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18. (Deleted) A composition comprising a balsam in a formulation which is nonphytotoxic to plants, wherein the concentration of said balsam is sufficient to provide a mean disease control of 70%.
19. (Deleted) The composition according to Claim 18, wherein said composition further comprises one or more aromatic aldehydes having the formula



- wherein R₁ represents -CHO, R₂ represents -H, -OH or an organic substituent containing from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and R₃ represents -H, a methoxy group or organic substituent containing from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, and R₄ represents -H, or an organic substituent containing from 1 to 10 carbon atoms.
20. (Deleted) The composition according to Claim 19, wherein said aromatic aldehydes is selected from the group consisting of cinnamic aldehyde, alpha-hexyl cinnamic aldehyde and coniferyl aldehyde.
21. (Deleted) The composition according to Claim 16, wherein said formulation is an emulsion.
22. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein said pathological microorganisms are selected from the group consisting of soil-borne pathogens.

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23. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein said pathological microorganisms are selected from the group consisting of thrips, aphids, spider mites, arachnids, nematodes, and leafhoppers.
24. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein said administering to said plant consists of application by foliar spray.
25. (New) The method according to Claim 15 wherein said surfactant is Tween 80 or saponin.
26. (New) A method for providing a susceptible plant with sustained resistance to pathological microorganisms, said method comprising:
administering to said plant a nonphytotoxic composition comprising one or more aromatic aldehydes selected from the group consisting of cinnamic aldehyde, alpha-hexyl cinnamic aldehyde, α -amyl cinnamic aldehyde, and coniferyl aldehyde, wherein said composition is free of antioxidants other than said at one or more aldehyde.
27. (New) The method according to Claim 26, wherein said aromatic aldehyde is microencapsulated in a polymer.
28. (New) The method according to Claim 26, wherein said polymer is beeswax or carnauba wax.
29. (New) The method according to Claim 26, wherein said pathological organisms are selected from the group consisting of aphids, thrips, spider mites, arachnids, nematodes, and leafhoppers.
30. (New) The method according to Claim 26, wherein said green plant is selected from the group consisting of a rose, a grape, a tomato, and a bell pepper.

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31. (New) The method according to Claim 26, wherein said composition further comprises a surfactant.
32. (New) The method according to Claim 31 wherein said surfactant is Tween 80 or saponin.
33. (New) The method according to Claim 26, wherein said composition further comprises a salt of a polyprotic acid.
34. (New) The method according to Claim 33, wherein said salt of a polyprotic acid is sodium bicarbonate.